MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the consideration is as regards the details of the action or as to whether any action may be taken or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question as a whole has been referred to the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I take it that the Government have not as yet decided to take any action?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, the Government have already taken action.

Devesvaram Tank at Kilimanur.

394. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the present condition of the Devesvaram tank at Kilimanur, in the Chirayinkil taluk;

(*b*) how many *paras* of paddy fields could be irrigated if this tank is properly kept; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the crops raised on about one thousand *paras* of paddy lands failed on account of the failure of this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The tank, which is *uranmai*, is out of repair. It has neither a regulating sluice nor a permanent surplus escape. There is only one massive bund for the south side which is encroached upon and has been cultivated with tapioca and betel. All the other three sides are elevated high ground.

(*b*) About 40 acres.

(*c*) The Government are not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir whether the Government will be acting within their rights if they proceed to remove the encroachments and construct the sluice on the southern bund of the tank so that the lands in question may be irrigated by means of this tank?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The tank is in the Kilimanur pakuti and the question is not free from difficulty. The suggestion made by the member may not be practicable.

The Mundadi Chira.

395. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the petitions and other requests sent to the Government showing the necessity and advantage of breaking open the Mundadi *chira* in the Varattar river in the Tiruvamandur pakuti in the Tiruvalla taluk; and

(*b*) whether they have made any enquiry with regard to it?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table the files of correspondence, if any, relating to this matter?

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